THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) :

(a)	Chandigarh	22519
	Manimajra	252
	Panchkula	2300
(b)	Chandigarh	5583
	Manimajra	15
	Panchkula	1633

(c) Total number of personel working at Chandigarh before and after the increase in lines is 1104.

[*Translation*]

Steel Stockyard at Jodhpur

317. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to set up a Steel stockyard at Jodhpur; and

(b) if so. the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

[*English*]

Rapid Action Force to Quell Communal Riots

318. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have under consideration any proposal to set up a composite rapid action force to quell communal riots; and

(b) if so, the steps so far taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose its details at this stage.

[*Translation*]

Opening of Post Offices in All Gram Panchayats of Saharsa District

319. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state·

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to open Post Offices in all the Gram Panchayats of Saharsa district in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of villages where Post Offices are proposed to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) No. Sir. The Government does not contemplate to open post offices in all Gram Panchayats of Saharsa district

(b) It is proposed to open six post offices in villages of Saharsa District during 1991-92.

(c) It is not possible to provide post offices in all the Gram Panchavats as they do not fulfil the norms for opening of Post offices.

[*English*]

Talks with Planning Minister of Pakistan

320 DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he met the Planning Minister of Pakistan recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed during the meeting,

(c) whether the issue of abetment of terrorism by Pakistan in Punjab and Kashmir also figured in the talks,

(d) if so, the details thereof and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (e) The meeting was essentially in the nature of a courtesy call and substantive bilateral issues were not discussed

Expansion of Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra

321 SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of existing telephone exchanges expanded during 1989-90 and 1990-91 in Maharashtra, and

(b) the number of telephone exchanges which are likely to be expanded during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) In Maharashtra 210 Telephone Exchanges (61055 Lines) were expanded during 1989 90 and 189 telephone exchanges (43030 Lines) were expanded in 1990-91

(b) 79 Telephone Exchanges (81050 Lines) are proposed to be expanded during 1991-92

Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra

322 SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of telephone exchanges opened during 1989-90 and 1990-91 in Maharashtra, and

(b) the number of exchanges which are proposed to be opened during 1991-92 there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) The number of new telephone exchanges opened in Maharashtra during 1989-90 and 1990-91 are 94 and 146, respectively

(b) 163 new exchanges are proposed to be opened during 1991-92

Jute cultivation

323 SHRI SYED SHAHABUD DIN Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the area under jute cultivation during the last three jute years State-wise and year-wise,

(b) the quantity of jute produced during this period State-wise and year wise and

(c) the average market price of standard jute, year wise and the corresponding support price fixed by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b) Statement giving estimates of area and production of jute during 1988-89 to 1990 91—State wise is given below

(c) The average market prices of jute TD 5 variety at Calcutta (main marketing centre) alongwith Minimum Support Prices during 1988-89 to 1990-91 are given below :-

(Rs per qtl)

Year	*Minimum Support Prices*	*Annual Average Market Prices (Calcutta)*
1988-89	290 00	462 92
1989-90	325 50	644 58
1990-91	347 50	645 00